

"ROOTERS" HARD AT WORK.

THE GIANTS ARE TO PLAY TWO GAMES TO-DAY.

NEW-YORK'S PENNANT CHANCES ARE GOOD IF RUSIE AND MEELIN HOLD OUT—HOW THE CLUBS STAND.

Every local follower of baseball is "rooting" hard for the Giants, who will start their Western tour with a double game at Cleveland to-day. This double game programme may be all right earlier in the season, but it is something of a nuisance just at this stage of the game. It is a matter, however, which cannot be dodged, and the Giants will have to do the best they can. In case Ward's men should win both games their pennant chances will be bright indeed. Such a record, however, seems almost too much to expect, particularly against the players on their home ground. While the Giants have already accomplished this feat once this year, they have won each game by the narrow margin of one run.

As the New-York team has only two pitchers in good condition at present, Rusie and Meekin, Ward has looked forward to two games in one day with horror. While these men may be able to alternate every other day, no pitcher in the country wants to pitch two days in succession, and Meekin probably could not do so. Rusie, too, but then the big pitcher pitched on Saturday, and to ask him to pitch again on Sunday would be to ask him to pitch again on Monday, which would be an ordeal which even Rusie would not care to undertake. The chances are, consequently, that Rusie and Meekin may be called upon to pitch to-day, while either German or Clark, neither of whom can be depended upon at present, may be called upon to pitch to-morrow.

Even with these drawbacks the Giants' chances for the pennant must still be considered good. The team is in good shape, and the players are confident and determined. If the team can make as good a record as it did on its first tour, it is certain to finish either first or second, for neither Baltimore nor Boston is likely to equal the record made by the Giants earlier in the season. All the other teams are out of the race, and even the Pirates, who have had no chance to secure a better position than it holds at present. In fact the Quaker City team may have some trouble in staying off the probable rushes of the Brooklyn and Cleveland teams. The record to date is as follows:

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Baltimore	9	5	0	9	5	0	.643
Boston	8	6	0	8	6	0	.571
Philadelphia	7	7	0	7	7	0	.500
Cleveland	6	8	0	6	8	0	.429
Pittsburgh	5	9	0	5	9	0	.357
Chicago	4	10	0	4	10	0	.286
St. Louis	3	11	0	3	11	0	.214
Washington	2	12	0	2	12	0	.143
Brooklyn	1	13	0	1	13	0	.071
San Francisco	0	14	0	0	14	0	.000
Portland	0	15	0	0	15	0	.000
San Diego	0	16	0	0	16	0	.000
Los Angeles	0	17	0	0	17	0	.000
San Antonio	0	18	0	0	18	0	.000
San Jose	0	19	0	0	19	0	.000
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THE WEEK'S RECORD.

What a remarkable game the three leaders have been playing can be gleaned from the record of the week appended below. Of the seventeen games played by the three teams last week, only one game was returned as a defeat, and that one defeat entitled the Giants to go ahead of the other two teams. The Baltimore team won five of the six games played. It was about the worst week of the season for Boston's record. The team lost four of its five games, and the only victory it brought home was a narrow one over the Red Sox. The West has done wretchedly of late, winning only seven games last week and losing six. The Orioles have three more games to play than New-York, but as two of the games are with Philadelphia, they are not likely to be played. The West Coast record for the week and the number of games each team is scheduled to play:

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THE EAST VS. THE WEST.

Never before in baseball has the superiority of the East over the West been so clearly shown as has been the case this year. The Baltimore team has made the best individual record, winning forty-one games and losing only thirteen. The Giants are a close second with forty-one victories and fourteen defeats. Boston has won thirty-nine games and lost fifteen. Washington is the only Eastern team with a record on the wrong side of the ledger. The West Coast record for the week and the number of games each team is scheduled to play:

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